consideration for providing special financial assistance to such States.

Arms deal by Militants

1620. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item regarding alleged 'Arms deal reached by Punjab Militants with the Chinese Embassy in Nepal appearing in 'Navbharat Times' dated the January 1,1992, and

(b) if so, steps taken by the Government in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir. The report has been specifically denied by the Chinese Embassy in New Delhi, who have stated that they have made thorough investigations into the matter and that there is no basis to this report.

(b) Government have taken note of the Chinese denial.

[*English*]

Supply of Gas through Pipeline in Bombay

1621. PROF. RAM KAPSE
SHRI PRAKASH V.PATIL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to supply gas through pipeline in Bombay;

(b) if so, the details thereof including expenditure involved; and

(c) the latest position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. Bombay City Gas Distribution Project is proposed to be set up by GAIL at a cost of Rs. 376.68 crores, for supplying 1.5 MMSCMD of gas to industrial and domestic consumers in Greater Bombay. The proposal is under the consideration of the Government.

[*Translation*]

Latest Weapons to Haryana to Tackle Terrorism

1622. SHRI JANGBIR SINGH:
SHRI DHARM PAL SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Haryana has asked for additional police-force and latest-weapons from the Union Government to tackle the problem of terrorism in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether any instructions have been issued to the Government of Haryana in regard to tackling of terrorism in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a)and (b). The Government of Haryana has requested for additional police force and latest weapons. Consequently, a large quantity of weapons has already been released to Govt. of Haryana. As regards